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Recently, The Center Square posted a story about IDNR's policy change with regard to feral cats.

Unfortunately, the information presented in the news article is incorrect. IDNR continues to oppose the release of free-ranging cats and the establishment of feral cat colonies on properties owned, leased, or managed by the Department. At the request of Illinois lawmakers, the Department made editorial changes to clarify the IDNR Feral Cat policy only applies to IDNR properties owned, leased or managed by the Department. The Department supports responsible pet ownership that includes sterilization and keeping cats indoors.

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